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**PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REQUEST
FOR REVIEW**

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COMMENTS ACCOMPANYING PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REQUEST FOR REVIEW

This paper is submitted along with a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review in accordance with the Official Gazette Notice dated July 12, 2005, and a Notice of Appeal in response to the Office action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 29, 2006. A check for payment of the fee for filing the Notice of Appeal is submitted herewith. Applicants believe that no additional fee is required for this submission to be entered. However, please consider this a conditional petition for the proper extension, if one is required, and a conditional authorization to charge any related extension fee, or any other fees, necessary for entry of this submission to Deposit Account No. 07-1700.

Applicants' **Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS

The Examiner has failed to consider an essential element of independent claim 55 in rejecting that claim and claims dependent therefrom under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent Publication No. US2003/0089901 to Fitzgerald ("Fitzgerald"). We therefore submit that the rejection is improper and that review is appropriate pursuant to the Official Gazette Notice dated July 12, 2005.

Claim 55 recites a method of selecting a placement of misfit dislocations that includes forming a regrowth layer. The claim qualifies the regrowth layer as having "a thickness defining a distance between a top surface of the second layer and the misfit dislocations corresponding to the selected placement of the misfit dislocations, such that a device formed over the second layer is substantially free of misfit dislocations." The Examiner contends that Fitzgerald teaches forming a regrowth layer, but completely ignores the entire wherein clause. In particular, the Examiner has not provided a reference that teaches the formation of a regrowth layer having the recited geometry and keeping a device formed over a second layer substantially free of misfit dislocations. We respectfully submit that this constitutes clear error.

Fitzgerald discloses forming a plurality of layers over a planarized substrate, referring to the layers as "regrowth" layers. Fitzgerald, however, is silent about dislocation densities in devices formed in his layer structure. As those of skill in the art recognize, merely forming a regrowth layer by no means assures that a device formed thereover will be substantially free of misfit defects. Claim 55 therefore recites a specific geometry (*a thickness defining a distance between a top surface of the second layer and the misfit dislocations corresponding to the selected placement of the misfit dislocations*) and the consequent property of the regrowth layer (*such that a device formed over the second layer is substantially free of misfit dislocations*). Fitzgerald discloses neither the geometry nor the property. Specifically, Fitzgerald does not teach placing misfit dislocations as recited in claim 55, and does not teach a regrowth layer that ensures the substantial absence of misfit defects in overlying devices. The Examiner erred by completely ignoring these claim limitations.

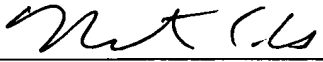
CONCLUSION

We respectfully submit that, as set forth in the foregoing remarks, there are clear errors in the Examiner's rejections.

Respectfully submitted,

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